

CLAIMS

1. Container delimited by wall means (4, 5, 6; 6a; 6b; 6c; 6d; 7, 8) comprising shaped wall means (6; 6a; 6b; 6c; 6d) that protrudes towards the exterior of said container (1),
5 said container (1) comprising stiffening means (10) arranged to stiffen said shaped wall means (6; 6a; 6b; 6c; 6d), characterised in that said stiffening means comprises stiffening wall means (10) distanced from said shaped wall means (6; 6a; 6b; 6c; 6d).
- 10 2. Container according to claim 1, wherein said stiffening wall means (10) has a substantially flat shape.
3. Container according to claim 1, or 2, wherein said stiffening wall means (10) extends between first edge means (11) and second edge means (12) delimiting said
15 shaped wall means (6; 6a; 6b; 6c; 6d).
4. Container according to claim 3, wherein said stiffening wall means (10) has a length substantially the same as a longitudinal dimension of said shaped wall means (6; 6a; 6b; 6c; 6d), said length and said longitudinal dimension
20 being measured parallel to said first edge means (11).
5. Container according to any preceding claim, and furthermore comprising anchoring means (13) arranged to anchor said stiffening wall means (10) to support wall means (4) adjacent to said formed wall means (6; 6a; 6b; 6c; 6d).
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6. Container according to claim 5, wherein said anchoring means comprises anchoring wall means (13) adjacent to said shaped wall means (6; 6a; 6b; 6c; 6d).
7. Container according to claim 6, when claim 5 is appended
30 to claim 4, wherein said anchoring wall means (13) has a longitudinal extent measured parallel to said first edge means (11) substantially the same as said length of said stiffening wall means (13).

8. Container according to claim 6, or 7, wherein said anchoring wall means (13) has a substantially flat shape and is fixed to a flat portion of said support wall means (4).
- 5 9. Container according to any one of claims 6 to 8, wherein said anchoring wall means (13) is glued to said support wall means (4).
10. Container according to one of claims 6 to 9, wherein said anchoring wall means (13) is rotated by approximately 90°
10 in relation to said stiffening wall means (10).
11. Container according to any preceding claim, wherein said side wall means (6; 6a; 6b; 6c; 6d) comprises convex wall means (6; 6a;).
12. Container according to claim 11, wherein said convex wall
15 means comprises a portion of cylindrical surface (6; 6a).
13. Container according to claim 12, wherein said portion of cylindrical surface (6a) comprises a semicylindrical surface that extends around an axis substantially passing through said stiffening wall means (10).
- 20 14. Container according to one of claims 1 to 10, wherein said shaped wall means (6; 6a; 6b; 6c; 6d) comprises first flat wall means (38) and second flat wall means (39) that intersect each other along a common edge.
15. Container according to one of claims 1 to 10, wherein said
25 shaped wall means (6; 6a; 6b; 6c; 6d) comprises a substantially flat intermediate portion (40) and convex peripheral portions (41).
16. Container according to one of claims 1 to 10, wherein said
30 shaped wall means (6; 6a; 6b; 6c; 6d) comprises a first convex portion (42) with convexity turned towards the inside of said container (1) and a second concave portion (43) with concavity turned towards the inside of said container (1).

17. Container according to any preceding claim, wherein said shaped wall means comprises side wall means (6; 6a; 6b; 6c; 6d) of a stiff packet (1) with a hinged lid for cigarettes (9).
- 5 18. Container according to claim 17, wherein said side wall means comprises a pair of facing side walls (6; 6a; 6b; 6c; 6d) interposed between a substantially flat front wall (4) and a substantially flat rear wall (5) of said packet (1).
- 10 19. Foldable blank for forming a container (1), comprising a first greater panel (17), a second greater panel (15), longitudinal panel means (45) that develops parallel to said first greater panel (17), a longitudinal strip (26) that has its own longitudinal side (25) common to said
- 15 longitudinal panel means (45), characterised in that said longitudinal panel means (45) is subdivided into a first zone (22) that has a side in common with said first greater panel (17), and a second zone (24) that has a side in common (25) with said longitudinal strip (26).
- 20 20. Foldable blank according to claim 19, wherein said first zone (22) has a transverse extent (W1) greater than a further transverse extent (W2) of said second zone (24), said transverse extent (W1) and said further transverse extent (W2) being measured perpendicular to an axis (Z1) along which said longitudinal panel means (45) extends.
- 25 21. Foldable blank according to claim 20, wherein said first greater panel (17) is interposed between a first transverse panel (16) and a second transverse panel (18) lying on opposite sides of said first greater panel (17) along said axis (Z1).
- 30 22. Foldable blank according to claim 21, wherein said first transverse panel (16) and said second transverse panel (18) extend parallel to said axis (Z1) by a quantity (H)

substantially corresponding to said further transverse extent (W2) of said second zone (24).

23. Foldable blank according to one of claims 19 to 22, wherein said longitudinal panel means (45) comprises a first longitudinal crease (23) that delimits said first zone (22) in relation to said second zone (24).
24. Foldable blank according to claim 23, wherein said first zone (22) extends parallel to said first longitudinal crease (23) for a length substantially the same as a further length of said greater panel (17) along said first longitudinal crease (23).
25. Foldable blank according to claim 23, or 24, wherein said longitudinal strip (26) is connected to said second zone (24) along a second longitudinal crease (25) substantially parallel to said first longitudinal crease (23).
26. Foldable blank according to claim 25, when appended to claim 24, wherein said longitudinal strip (26) has a longitudinal extent measured parallel to said second longitudinal crease (23) substantially equal to said length of said second zone (24).
27. Foldable blank according to claim 25, or 26, wherein said longitudinal strip (26) is trapezium-shaped, said second longitudinal crease (25) defining a larger base of said trapezium.
28. Foldable blank according to any one of claims 23 to 27, wherein said first zone (22) is provided with a cutting line (33) that extends through said first zone (22) in a tilted direction in relation to said first longitudinal crease (23).
29. Foldable blank according to claim 28, wherein said second zone (24) is provided with a further cutting line (34) that extends through said second zone (24) in a direction tilted in a specular manner in relation to said cutting

line (33) with respect to said first longitudinal crease (23).

30. Foldable blank according to claim 29, wherein said cutting line (33) and said further cutting line (34) are provided with joints (36).
31. Foldable blank according to any one of claims 19 to 30, wherein said first zone (22) is provided with a plurality of creases (30) parallel to one another arranged to give said first zone (22) a certain yieldability, such that said first zone (22) may take on a concave configuration when folded.
32. Foldable blank according to claim 31, wherein said plurality of creases (30) comprises first creases obtained in a first peripheral region of said first zone (22) and second creases obtained in a second peripheral region of said first zone (22), said first peripheral region and said second peripheral region being separated by a middle region of said first zone (22) without creases.
33. Foldable blank according to any one of claims 19 to 30, wherein said first zone (22) is provided with an intermediate longitudinal crease defining on said first zone a first strip and a second strip.
34. Foldable blank according to any one of claims 19 to 33, and furthermore comprising further longitudinal panel means (45) and a further longitudinal strip (26) substantially symmetrical to said longitudinal panel means (45) and to said longitudinal strip (26) in relation to an axis of symmetry (Z1) along which said foldable blank (14) extends.
35. Foldable blank according to any one of claims 19 to 34, and defining a die-cut cardboard (14) for packets (1) for cigarettes (9).